# BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER 7 24 AM 10: 07 CASE NO. S-16-0046 ORDER NO. S-16-0046-16-OR01 ARKANSAS SECURITIES DEPT.

IN THE MATTER OF: MCDONALD PARTNERS LLC, CAMERON GLENN AND KATHERINE KNIGHT

RESPONDENTS

# **CONSENT ORDER**

This Consent Order is entered pursuant to the Arkansas Securities Act, codified at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-42-101 through 23-42-509 ("Act"), the Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Rules") promulgated under the Act and the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, codified at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-16-201 through 25-16-303 in accordance with an agreement by and between the Staff of the Arkansas Securities Department ("Staff") and McDonald Partners LLC ("McDonald Partners"), Cameron Glenn ("Glenn") and Katherine Knight ("Knight"), in full and final settlement of all claims that could be brought against McDonald Partners, Glenn and Knight by the Staff on the basis of the facts set forth herein. McDonald Partners, Glenn and Knight admit the jurisdiction of the Act and the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Commissioner"), admit the findings of fact detailed below, waive its and their right to a formal hearing and consent to the entry of this order and agree to abide by its terms.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. McDonald Partners, CRD No. 135414, is a Ohio Limited Liability Company with its primary business address in Cleveland, Ohio. McDonald Partners has been registered as a broker-dealer with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") since April 6, 2016.

- 2. Glenn, CRD No. 4890964, is an employee and registered agent of McDonald Partners. Glenn is a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas and has been registered as a broker-dealer agent with the Department since April 16, 2016.
- 3. Knight, CRD No. 4540699, is an employee and registered agent of McDonald Partners. Knight is a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas and has been registered as a broker-dealer agent with the Department since June 15, 2016.
- 4. On numerous occasions between August 2015 and April 6, 2016, McDonald sold securities from Arkansas to residents of other states.
- 5. On numerous occasions between August 2015 and April 16, 2016, Glenn sold securities from Arkansas to residents of other states.
- 6. On numerous occasions between August 2015 and June 15, 2016, Knight sold securities from Arkansas to residents of other states.
- 7. Since at least August 2015, McDonald has employed Glenn and Knight to sell securities from Arkansas to residents of other states. Until April 16, 2016 for Glenn and June 15, 2016 for Knight, neither of said agents were properly registered with the Department.
- 8. McDonald failed to prevent its unregistered agents, Glenn and Knight, from selling securities from an unregistered branch located in Maumelle, Arkansas. Central Registration Depository records indicate that as of July 28, 2015, McDonald acknowledged the existence of its branch located in Maumelle.
- 9. McDonald Partners, Glenn and Knight fully cooperated with the Staff during the Staff's investigation of this matter.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 10. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(a) states that it is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state as a broker-dealer or an agent unless he or she is registered under this chapter. McDonald Partners, Glenn and Knight all violated Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(a), as detailed in paragraphs 4 through 7.
- 11. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(b)(1) states that it is unlawful for a registered broker-dealer to employ an unregistered agent except a nonresident agent who is registered by any other state securities administrator and who effects transaction in this state exclusively with registered broker-dealers. McDonald Partners violated Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(b)(1), as detailed in paragraphs 5 through 7.
- 12. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(e) states that a broker-dealer shall not conduct business from a branch office within this state unless the branch is registered under this chapter. McDonald Partners violated Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(e), as detailed in paragraph 8.

#### UNDERTAKING

In settlement of this matter McDonald Partners shall pay a fine in the amount of \$15,000.00. Glenn shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00. Knight shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00.

## **OPINION**

This order is in the public interest. The facts as set out in paragraphs 4 through 8 support the violations of the Act as set out in paragraphs 10 through 12.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that McDonald Partners shall pay a fine in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Department within 10 days of the entry of this order. Glenn shall pay a fine in

the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Department within 10 days of the entry of this order. Knight shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Department within 10 days of the entry of this order.

	Arkansas Securities Commissioner
	10-24-16 Date
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:  Thomas McDonald, CEO McDonald Partners LLC	
Cameron Glenn	
Katherine Knight	
Joseph S. Simms, Attorney for the Respondents	10/17/16 Date
Scott Freydl, Staff Attørney	10/24/16 Date